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1. Prior to 10 August 1953, the only barracks installation in Sensburg (R 54/A 27) which was located at the southern perimeter of the town on either side of the road to Arys (R 54/A 66) was occupied by a Polish infantry unit of regimental strength. The commanding officer of the unit was a colonel who was said to be not in full command of the Polish language. The soldiers of the unit wore khaki uniforms with red collar patches and cap bands. The crews of 3 SP guns of the unit wore bluish-gray uniforms and black cap bands. Up to 10 soldiers with yellow cap bands were occasionally observed.
2. The barracks installation in Sensburg was divided into a west and an east section by the road to Arys which went in a north-south direction. Almost all buildings were in a good condition. The headquarters building was located in the west section of the installation. Guns and mortars were seen in this section. The regimental band was stationed in the east section of the installation. Three SP guns were also seen there. The billets of the commanding officer of the regiment were located immediately north of the east section of the installation next to the fire department building.
3. The soldiers of the rifle company in the Sensburg installation were equipped with rifles and, predominantly, submachine guns. Some of the rifles had mounted telescopic sights. Light machine guns observed resembled model-DP-M-1928 machine guns. The heavy machine guns were of the Maxim model. Two-load mortars and about 10 rocket launchers on two pneumatic tires and towed by trucks were also observed. The equipment of the unit also included motorized 76-mm guns and AT guns and 3 SP guns, presumably SU-85s. The equipment of motor vehicles did not appear to be uniform and included some jeeps, old ZIS-5s and GAS-63s and vehicles of Studebaker manufacture. 1

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4. Training at the Sensburg post was held at the post training area southwest of the town between the roads to Peltschendorf (R 54/A 25) and Grabowen (R 54/A 16). In preceding years, the units allegedly went to a summer camp near Muschaken (R 54/E 71). Members of the unit stated that they had to serve 2 years and had been requested to enlist for a third year.
5. The post ammunition depot was located in a former estate, 1 km south-southeast of the Sensburg installation, immediately north of the Haselwasser.
6. About three trucks with KBW soldiers were occasionally seen in Sensburg. The soldiers, who came from a barracks installation in Allenstein (R 54/E 66) and wore dark-blue cap bands, were temporarily quartered in the school.
7. There was no recruiting district headquarters in Sensburg. The Kreis belonged to the recruiting headquarters in Ortelsburg (R 54/E 93). Source, a member of the 1933 class, had to report in Sensburg for the second registration in March 1952. Members of the 1933 class were inducted in the spring of 1953 and the remaining personnel of this class, in the fall of the same year. Two German members of the 1929-class, who had been employed in coal mines in Silesia for 2 years, were discharged in the fall of 1952.
8. It was learned that, during the night on 23 April, there was a fire in the barracks installation in Ortelsburg. The fire brigade from Sensburg was also employed in extinguishing the fire. The buildings concerned allegedly burned down to the second story.
9. [redacted] the barracks installation there had been occupied by an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 infantrymen prior to 15 February 1954. The units were equipped with infantry weapons, mortars and guns. Trucks, mostly old two-axle model- ZIS trucks, were observed with the units which also included a military band. New recruits arrived in Sensburg in the fall and, sometimes, in the spring. A few soldiers with yellow cap bands were occasionally seen in the town. It is undetermined whether these soldiers were stationed in Sensburg or were on leave. 1
10. [redacted]
1. Comment. An infantry regiment of the 15th Inf Div, either the 53d or the 54th Inf Regt, is confirmed in Sensburg until August 1953. [redacted] most of the vehicles of the regiment were horse-drawn in the fall of 1951. It is noted that [redacted] Polish units in Allenstein, most of which also belong to the 15th Inf Div, were almost exclusively equipped with horse-drawn vehicles in February 1954. [redacted] The soldiers with yellow cap bands may belong to the 1st Div in Warsaw. They were possibly on leave.
2. Comment. [redacted] The unit allegedly is a technical unit which is being employed in special projects at various places. It may be stationed in Grudziadz where it was also observed in April 1953.

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